

CARD DEVICE HAVING T-SHAPED PRINTED ANTENNA

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a circuit board or a card device,
5 and more particularly to a circuit board or a card device having a
printed antenna device, such as a T-shaped antenna device.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Typical circuit boards or card devices comprise a separate
antenna device secured thereon or coupled thereto with fasteners or
10 by welding processes, for sending or receiving wireless signals or
for wireless transmission purposes.

For example, U.S. Patent No. 6,034,636 to Saitoh, and U.S.
Patent No. US 6,255,994 B1 to Saito disclose two of the typical
circuit boards or card devices having a separate antenna device
15 secured thereon or coupled thereto with fasteners or by welding
processes. However, it takes time or processes to attach or secure
the separate antenna device onto the typical circuit boards or card
devices.

The present invention has arisen to mitigate and/or obviate the
20 afore-described disadvantages of the conventional antenna devices
for circuit boards or card devices.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The primary objective of the present invention is to provide a
circuit board or a card device having an antenna device printed
25 thereon for sending or receiving wireless signals or for wireless
transmission purposes, and for allowing the antenna device to be
easily printed and applied onto the circuit board or the card device

without additional securing or welding or assembling processes.

The other objective of the present invention is to provide a circuit board or a card device having a T-shaped and printed antenna device printed and applied thereon for directing purposes.

5 In accordance with one aspect of the invention, there is provided a card device comprising a board member, and at least one antenna device printed on the board member, the antenna device includes a T-shaped structure having a first segment and a second segment coupled together to form the T-shaped structure, and for
10 sending or receiving wireless signals or for wireless transmission purposes, and for allowing the antenna device to be easily printed and applied onto the board member of the card device without additional securing or welding or assembling processes.

The antenna device includes a conductor provided around the
15 T-shaped antenna device to form a T-shaped hollow space in the antenna device.

The board member includes a transmission circuit provided thereon, and the antenna device includes an output terminal coupled to the transmission circuit. The card device may further include at
20 least one second antenna device having an output terminal coupled to the output terminal of the antenna device.

The second antenna device of the card device may also be printed on the board member, and may also include a T-shaped structure having a first segment and a second segment coupled
25 together to form the T-shaped structure. The second antenna device may also include a conductor provided around the T-shaped antenna device to form a T-shaped hollow space in the second antenna

device.

Further objectives and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from a careful reading of the detailed description provided hereinbelow, with appropriate reference to the
5 accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a plan schematic view of a circuit board or a card device having one or more antenna devices in accordance with the present invention;

10 FIG. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the operation of the printed antenna device for the circuit board or card device;

FIG. 3 is a plan schematic view similar to FIG. 1, illustrating a simplified printed antenna device for the circuit board or card device, and for illustrating and description purposes;

15 FIG. 4 is a plan schematic view illustrating the operation of the printed antenna device for the circuit board or card device; and

FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating the frequencies of the antenna device of the circuit board or the card device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

20 Referring to the drawings, and initially to FIGS. 1 and 2, a circuit board or a card device 1, such as a wireless card device 1 in accordance with the present invention comprises a board member 10 having one edge for plugging or coupling to computer facilities 20 of the end users, and comprises one or more antenna devices 30
25 printed on the board member 10 for wireless transmission purposes, or for sending or receiving wireless signals to or from a wireless access device 21 of a network system or the like.

As shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, the card device 1 includes a processor device or a central processing unit 11, and a wireless control or transmission circuit 12, and/or other circuits or elements provided or attached on the board member 10, and electrically
5 connected together, for wirelessly communicating with the wireless access devices 21 of various wireless network systems or the like.

The card device 1 further includes one or more antenna devices 30 printed or applied on the board member 10, and electrically coupled to the wireless control or transmission circuit 12 with a
10 wire, cable, or terminal or printed conductor 14, or the like. For example, the card device 1 may include one antenna device 30 (FIGS. 3, 4) or two or more, such as three antenna devices 30 printed or applied on the board member 10 (FIGS. 1, 2); in which the antenna device 30 as shown in FIGS. 3, 4 includes a simplified
15 configuration for illustration or description purposes.

It is to be noted that the antenna device 30 and/or the conductor 14 may be printed or applied onto the board member 10 of the card device 1 by printed circuit board manufacturing processes, for allowing the antenna devices 30 and the conductor 14 to be printed
20 or applied onto the board member 10 of the card device 1 without additional fastening or securing or assembling processes.

Each of the antenna devices 30 includes a base segment 31, such as a longitudinal base segment 31 parallel to the longitudinal direction or axis of the card device 1, and a lateral segment 32
25 perpendicular to the base segment 31 to form a T-shaped structure or configuration.

It is preferable that each of the antenna devices 30 includes a

cable-like conductor 33 applied or printed around the T-shaped configuration of the antenna device 30 or applied on the outer peripheral portion of the antenna device 30, in order to form or define a T-shaped hollow space 34 in the antenna device 30.

5 Each of the antenna devices 30 includes an output terminal 35 coupled to the wireless control or transmission circuit 12 with such as the printed conductor 14. For example, the output terminals 35 of the antenna devices 30 may be coupled together to a single point or terminal 35 as shown in FIG. 1.

10 In operation, as shown in FIGS. 2, 4, the base segment 31 and the lateral segment 32 of each of the antenna device 30 may be directed to predetermined directions, and may thus be provided to receive and transmit signals to or from the predetermined directions.

For example, as shown in FIG. 5, illustrated are the frequencies
15 generated by the antenna device 30, and the distribution of the frequencies is also similar to a T or mushroom-like shape.

It is to be noted that the base segment 31 and the lateral segment 32 of each of the antenna device 30 may be provided for receiving and/or transmitting the signals of the different frequencies,
20 such as the different frequencies provided by IEEE 802.11a, IEEE 802.11b, IEEE 802.11e, IEEE 802.11g, etc. or other frequencies.

It is further to be noted that the cable-like conductors 33 of the antenna devices 30 may be easily and precisely printed and applied onto the circuit board or the card device 1 without additional
25 securing or welding or assembling processes.

Accordingly, the card device in accordance with the present invention includes a T-shaped antenna device printed thereon for

sending or receiving wireless signals or for wireless transmission purposes, and for allowing the antenna device to be easily printed and applied onto the circuit board or the card device without additional securing or welding or assembling processes.

5 Although this invention has been described with a certain degree of particularity, it is to be understood that the present disclosure has been made by way of example only and that numerous changes in the detailed construction and the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from
10 the spirit and scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed.